



## Giuliani turns himself in on Georgia 2020 election charges after bond is set at \$150,000

By KATE BRUMBACK  
Associated Press

**ATLANTA (AP)** — Rudy Giuliani, Donald Trump's lawyer and confidant, turned himself in at a jail in Atlanta on Wednesday on charges related to efforts to overturn then-President Trump's loss in the 2020 presidential election in Georgia.

The former New York mayor, was indicted last week along with Trump and 17 others. Fulton County District Attorney Fani Willis said they participated in a wide-ranging conspiracy to subvert the will of the

voters after the Republican president lost to Democrat Joe Biden in November 2020.

Bond for Giuliani, who was released after booking like the other defendants, was set at \$150,000, second only to Trump's \$200,000.

Giuliani, 79, is accused of spearheading Trump's efforts to compel state lawmakers in Georgia and other closely contested states to ignore the will of voters and illegally appoint electoral college electors favorable to Trump.

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Former Mayor of New York Rudy Giuliani speaks to reporters as he leaves his apartment building in New York, Wednesday, Aug. 23, 2023.

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Other high-profile defendants also surrendered Wednesday, including Jenna Ellis, an attorney who prosecutors say was involved in efforts to convince state lawmakers to unlawfully appoint presidential electors, and lawyer Sidney Powell, accused of making false statements about the election in Georgia and helping to organize a breach of voting equipment in rural Coffee County. Georgia was one of several key states Trump lost by slim margins, prompting the Republican and his allies to proclaim, without evidence, that the election was rigged in favor of his Democratic rival Biden. Giuliani is charged with making false statements and soliciting false testimony, conspiring to create phony paperwork and asking state lawmakers to violate their oath of office to appoint an alternate slate of pro-Trump electors.

Outside the Fulton County Jail Wednesday afternoon, Giuliani laughed when asked if he regretted allying himself with Trump.

"I am very, very honored to be involved in this case because this case is a fight for our way of life," Giuliani told reporters. "This indictment is a travesty. It's an attack on -- not just me, not just President Trump, not just the people in this indictment, some of whom I don't even know -- this is an attack on the American people."

After Giuliani's surrender, Trump repeated his unfounded claims that the election was rigged and stolen and wrote on his social media site, "The greatest Mayor in the history of New York City was just AR-



This booking photo provided by the Fulton County Sheriff's Office shows Rudy Giuliani on Wednesday, Aug. 23, 2023, in Atlanta, after he surrendered and was booked.

RESTED in Atlanta, Georgia, because he fought for Election Integrity."

Trump, the early front-runner in the 2024 Republican presidential primary, has said he plans to turn himself in at the Fulton County Jail on Thursday. He and his allies have characterized the investigation as politically motivated and have heavily criticized District Attorney Willis, a Democrat.

Former White House chief of staff Mark Meadows and former Justice Department official Jeffrey Clark are both trying to have the case against them heard in federal court rather than in Fulton County Superior

Court. Both argue the actions that gave rise to the charges in the indictment were related to their work as federal officials and that the case should be moved to federal court and the charges against them dismissed. They had each asked a judge to allow them to avoid being arrested while those requests are pending. But U.S. District Judge Steve Jones on Wednesday rejected their requests to avoid having to be booked in jail while they fight to move the case to federal court.

Willis has set a deadline of noon on Friday for the people indicted last week

in the election subversion case to turn themselves in. Her team has been negotiating bond amounts and conditions with the lawyers for the defendants before they surrender at the jail.

Misty Hampton, who was the Coffee County elections director when a breach of election equipment happened there, had her bond set at \$10,000. David Shafer, who's a former Georgia Republican Party chair and served as one of 16 fake electors for Trump, and Cathy Latham, who's accused in the Coffee County breach and was also a fake elector, turned themselves in

Wednesday morning. Also surrendering Wednesday were lawyers Ray Smith and Kenneth Chesebro, who prosecutors said helped organize the fake electors meeting at the state Capitol in December 2020.

Attorney John Eastman, who pushed a plan to keep Trump in power, and Scott Hall, a bail bondsman who was accused of participating in the breach of election equipment in Coffee County, turned themselves in Tuesday.

The Fulton County Sheriff's Office has said it will release booking photos around 4 p.m. each day, but Shafer appeared to post his on the social media platform X, formerly known as Twitter, just after 7 a.m. Wednesday with the message, "Good morning! #NewProfilePicture."

Lawyers for Chesebro on Wednesday filed a demand for a speedy trial. Typically, such a demand would mean that trial proceedings would need to get underway this fall, but this case has many defendants and multiple complicating factors, Georgia State University law school professor Anthony Michael Kreis said.

While Republicans in Georgia and elsewhere are calling for Willis to be punished for indicting Trump, a group of Black pastors and community activists gathered outside the state Capitol in Atlanta Wednesday to pray for and proclaim their support for the Democratic prosecutor.

Bishop Reginald Jackson, who leads Georgia's African Methodist Episcopal churches, said that Willis is under attack "as a result of her courage and determination." □

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## Senator Rubio urges Biden administration to reject a former warlord's extradition to Colombia

By JOSHUA GOODMAN  
Associated Press Writer

**MIAMI (AP)** — Florida Republican Sen. Marco Rubio is calling on the Biden administration to reject Colombia's request for extradition of a former warlord after he was named a peace envoy in the South American nation, a move that could see him avoid additional prison time for human rights abuses.

Salvatore Mancuso, the top commander of a former group of right-wing militias, completed a 12-year cocaine trafficking sentence in 2020. He has been held in U.S. custody ever since after Colombia at the last minute reversed a U.S. order that would've sent him to Italy, where he also has citizenship, and instead struck a deal for him to be sent back home to face justice.

This month, Colombian President Gustavo Petro named Mancuso a peace envoy to promote the disarming of other illegal armed groups that emerged after Mancuso's United Self Defense Forces of Colombia, or AUC, laid down its weapons two decades ago. To facilitate the peacemaking role, Petro said he would seek to suspend prison sentenc-



Colombian paramilitary warlord Salvatore Mancuso is escorted by U.S. DEA agents upon his arrival to Opa-locka, Florida, May 13, 2008.

es courts already imposed against Mancuso for his role in more than 1,500 acts of murder and forced disappearances.

Rubio, the top Republican on the Senate subcommittee dealing with Latin America, urged Attorney General Merrick Garland to reject Colombia's extradition request until Petro revokes his offer to Mancuso or there are credible assur-

ances he will serve out the sentences.

"To allow Mancuso to not only walk free in Colombia, but also represent the Colombian government in negotiations with drug traffickers currently working to flood our community with narcotics, would be an insult to the thousands of Colombians who are victims of Mancuso's crimes," he wrote in a letter sent

Wednesday to Garland.

Rubio's Senate office provided a copy of the letter to The Associated Press.

Mancuso is currently seeking asylum in the United States, arguing that he could be killed if moved to Colombia, a country struggling to heal from decades of bloody, drug-fueled conflict. An immigration judge in May rejected that argument but Mancuso

has appealed and those proceedings are ongoing, his attorneys and prosecutors said in a joint filing Tuesday in Washington federal court.

Manuel Renteria, an attorney for Mancuso, declined to comment.

Formed as self-defense forces by wealthy ranchers in the 1980s to counter leftist rebel extortion and kidnapping, the far-right militias seized control of much of Colombia's Caribbean coast in the late 1990s, killing thousands and stealing millions of acres of land while wresting control of lucrative drug routes. In 2001, the U.S. designated the AUC a foreign terror organization.

Mancuso, 59, was one of the rural paramilitary bosses to most eagerly embrace reconciliation efforts when he and some 30,000 other right-wing fighters demobilized under the 2005 Justice and Peace law. Seeking to fulfill his commitment to speak out, he openly talked about how a third of Colombia's congress was elected with paramilitary support, confessions that led to the conviction of dozens of lawmakers.

His candor, while rocking Colombia's political establishment, later backfired. □

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## Justice Department announces charges against hundreds of alleged COVID-19 fraudsters

By RICHARD LARDNER  
Associated Press

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Hundreds of people have been charged with the theft of more than \$830 million in COVID-19 emergency aid following a nationwide operation conducted by federal, state and local law enforcement agencies, the U.S. Justice Department announced Wednesday. More than 60 of the defendants have alleged connections to organized crime, the department said, including members of a criminal gang accused of using stolen pandemic

aid to pay for a murder.

"This latest action, involving over 300 defendants and over \$830 million in alleged COVID-19 fraud, should send a clear message: the COVID-19 public health emergency may have ended, but the Justice Department's work to identify and prosecute those who stole pandemic relief funds is far from over," Attorney General Merrick Garland said in a statement.

The three-month operation, which ended in July, resulted in more than 300 people being charged,, underscoring the perva-

siveness of the fraud.

"We'll stay at it for as long as it takes," said Deputy Attorney General Lisa Monaco, who led of a meeting of law enforcement officials livestreamed on the Justice Department's website.

An Associated Press analysis published in June found that fraudsters potentially stole more than \$280 billion in COVID-19 relief funding; another \$123 billion was wasted or misspent.

Most of the money was grabbed from three large pandemic-relief initiatives designed to help small businesses and unemployed



Attorney General Merrick Garland accompanied by Deputy Attorney General Lisa Monaco speaks during a meeting at Department of Justice in Washington, June 14, 2023.

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workers survive the economic upheaval caused by the pandemic. Nearly 3,200 defendants have been charged with COV-

ID-19 aid fraud, according to the new Justice Department figures. About \$1.4 billion in stolen pandemic aid has been seized. □



# Deadly heat wave in the central U.S. strains infrastructure, transportation

By **ACACIA CORONADO**  
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**Associated Press**

**AUSTIN, Texas (AP)** — Temperatures have soared in the central U.S., leading to deaths in some states as more dangerous heat is expected, a national weather service official said.

The harsh heat wave has broken records, caused damage, shortened school days and forced the evacuation of a nursing home this week as some cities brace for triple digit temperatures through August. There have been 25 heat-related deaths this summer in Louisiana, officials said Tuesday, and in Nebraska, a 1-year-old left in a hot van died.

The heat is expected to become "dangerous to the average person" if they don't have air conditioning, said Alex Lamers, warning coordination meteorologist at the National Weather Service's Weather Prediction Center.

It has felt hotter than 110 degrees in cities in Texas and Louisiana more often than at any time since World War II, Lamers said. The brunt of the enduring heat has hit states from Flor-



**A cyclist tops a hill at sunset, Sunday, Aug. 20, 2023, in San Antonio, where temperatures continue to hit the triple digit mark.**

ida to New Mexico, he said. The Electric Reliability Council of Texas asked residents twice last week to conserve energy because of high demand and low reserves. The agency issued a weather watch from Wednesday to Aug. 27.

The council hasn't had an outage all summer despite unrelenting heat and high demand, said Alison Silverstein, a Texas-based inde-

pendent energy analyst and former adviser to the state's energy regulator. But there are risks the longer this drags on, Silverstein said, comparing it to a car overheating.

"At least your car on a long trip has a chance to rest overnight and cool off," she said. "A lot of these plants have been running nonstop, or pretty close to it, since June."

Experts warn infrastructure like roads can buckle under the extreme strain of enduring and recurring heat waves brought on by climate change. Union Pacific has imposed more speed restrictions this summer across its network of more than 32,000 miles (51,499 kilometers) of Western track as a "precaution to reduce the impact on the rail when it gets hot,"

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spokeswoman Kristen South said Tuesday.

Costs in the U.S. for road maintenance and replacement due to rising temperatures could reach \$26.3 billion by 2040, with most of the damage expected to hit Texas, California and Illinois, according to a 2017 study by University of Arizona and Arizona State University researchers.

The heat has already caused an unusual number of Texas water line breaks and roadway issues.

Texas officials are monitoring the heat, roadways and tips from residents to address issues as quickly as possible, said transportation department spokesman Danny Perez. Houston officials learned of likely heat-related damage to a road Sunday after about 10 other similar reports in June, he said.

Houston's high temperatures and a lack of rain have caused the ground to shift and damage the city's aging pipes. Residents' top service request is for water leaks, according to city data. Reports of water leaks from the past month were up 25% from the same period last year. □

## New Jersey to require free period products in schools for grades 6 through 12

**TRENTON, N.J. (AP)** — New Jersey will require school districts to offer free menstrual products for grades six through 12 under a

new law Gov. Phil Murphy signed Wednesday.

Murphy, a Democrat, said in a statement that the measure is aimed at pro-

moting equity "at every level" in the state.

"When students can't access the menstrual products they need for their reproductive health, the potential stress and stigma too often distracts them from their classes or forces them to skip school entirely," he said.

Under the bill, school districts are required to ensure that students in schools with students from grade six through 12 have access to free menstrual products in at least half of the female and gender-neutral bathrooms. The state will bear any costs incurred by schools under the leg-

islation. The legislature's nonpartisan Office of Legislative Services estimated the requirement will cost between \$1.8 million and \$3.5 million for the first full school year and from \$1.4 million to \$2.9 million in subsequent years. The cost is a fraction of the state's \$54.3 billion budget.

The requirement will affect about 1,400 schools. Total enrollment of female students in grades six through 12 in these schools approximated 354,497, according to the Legislature.

New Jersey joins at least 10 other states and the District of Columbia that have established or expanded

requirements for free menstrual products in schools since 2010, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures. Among the states that passed similar measures recently include Alabama, Delaware and Utah.

The bill passed the Democrat-led Legislature nearly unanimously, with only one "no" vote.

"Menstrual hygiene products are a necessity, not a luxury. When this becomes an obstacle and decisions are made to not attend school, the loss is greater than just the one day," Senate Majority Leader Teresa Ruiz said. □



**Boxes of tampons are displayed in a pharmacy in New York, March 7, 2016.**

**Associated Press**



## Russian mercenary leader was listed among the passengers in a deadly plane crash

By DASHA LITVINOVA TALLINN, Estonia

Mercenary leader Yevgeny Prigozhin, who led a brief armed rebellion against the Russian military earlier this year, was on the passenger list of a private jet that crashed Wednesday, killing all 10 people on board, emergency officials said. It wasn't immediately clear if Prigozhin was on the plane. The crash immediately raises suspicions since the fate of the founder of the Wagner private military company has been the subject of intense speculation ever since he mounted the mutiny. The Kremlin said he would be exiled to Belarus, but the mercenary chief, whose troops were some of the best fighting forces for Russia in Ukraine, has since reportedly popped up in Russia. The crash also comes after Russian media reported that a top general linked to Prigozhin was dismissed from his position as commander of the air force. A plane carrying three pilots and seven passengers that was en route from Moscow to St. Petersburg went down more than 100 kilometers (60 miles) north of the capital, according to officials cited by



Russian businessman Yevgeny Prigozhin is shown prior to a meeting of Russian President Vladimir Putin and Chinese President Xi Jinping in the Kremlin in Moscow, Russia, on July 4, 2017.

Associated Press

Russia's state news agency Tass. It was not clear if Prigozhin was among those on board, though Russia's civilian aviation regulator, Rosaviatsia, said he was on the manifest.

Vladimir Rogov, a Russia-appointed official in the partially occupied Zaporizhzhia region in Ukraine, said he talked to Wagner commanders who confirmed that Prigozhin and a top associate were aboard

when the plane crashed. "We have seen the reports. If confirmed, no one should be surprised," said U.S. National Security Council spokeswoman Adrienne Watson said in a statement. However, Keir Giles, a Russia expert with the international affairs think-tank Chatham House, urged caution about reports of Prigozhin's death. He said "multiple individuals have changed their

name to Yevgeniy Prigozhin, as part of his efforts to obfuscate his travels." "Let's not be surprised if he pops up shortly in a new video from Africa," Giles said. Flight tracking data reviewed by The Associated Press showed a private jet that Prigozhin had used previously took off from Moscow on Wednesday evening and its transponder signal disappeared minutes later. □

## Swiss police warn that heat wave raises danger of falling ice, rock in the Alps

By JAMEY KEATEN  
Associated Press

GENEVA (AP) — Police in southwest Switzerland warned Wednesday that a heat wave has increased the risk of falling rock and ice in the Alpine region, where it's been particularly deadly this year for mountaineers and hikers. Most of the victims have been foreigners.

Valais regional police say a spike in temperatures and a record high altitude of nearly 5,300 meters (about 17,300 feet) for a bellwether zero-degree Celsius reading over Switzerland has accelerated erosion in the Alps.

"With the heat wave of the last few days, and the days to come, the danger level is heightened in the high mountains," regional police spokesman Steve



People cool off in the water during hot weather at the public swimming pool Bellerive on the shore of the Geneva Lake, in Lausanne, Switzerland, Wednesday, Aug. 23, 2023.

Associated Press

Leger said in an email. The high temperatures have jeopardized the usual night-time refreeze that helps keep ice frozen solid. The resulting thaw means ice patches such as glaciers and seracs blocks or towers of ice on top of glaciers as well as rocky formations held together by ice could get dislodged, posing a threat to mountain climbers.

So far this year, 17 alpinists or mountaineers who trek to the highest altitudes in the Alps have lost their lives in the Valais region. That's more than the annual tallies recorded in each of the five previous years. □

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## Two tankers collided in Egypt's Suez Canal, briefly disrupting traffic

By **SAMY MAGDY**

**Associated Press**

**CAIRO (AP)** — Two tankers carrying oil products and liquefied natural gas collided in a single-lane stretch of the Suez Canal, briefly disrupting traffic through the global waterway before it was cleared, Egyptian authorities said Wednesday. The Suez Canal Authority said in a statement that the BW Lesmes, a Singapore-flagged tanker that carries liquefied natural gas, suffered a mechanical malfunction in its propulsion and steering systems on Tuesday night. It ran aground after which the Burri, a Cayman Islands-flagged oil products tanker, collided with it at the 144 kilometer (89 mile) -mark of the waterway, the canal said.

The collision disrupted traffic for several hours while the canal authority deployed tugboats to tow the two tankers away. The two were part of a convoy of vessels transiting through the canal from the Mediterranean Sea to the Red Sea.



In this handout photo released by the Suez Canal Authority on August 23, 2023, a ship, The Burri, and a tugboat are shown in the waterway after a collision with another large transport vessel.

**Associated Press**

"Traffic will go back to normal in both directions within the coming hours," Adm. Ossama Rabei, the head of the canal authority, said earlier Wednesday, before tugboats removed the tankers and cleared the waterway.

The authorities blamed the strong currents in this part of the Suez Canal for the collision. The canal services firm Leth Agencies said the incident delayed the transit of 21 southbound vessels that were scheduled to pass through the waterway

on Tuesday.

About 10% of world trade flows through the canal, a major source of foreign currency for the Egyptian government. MarineTraffic, a vessel tracking service provider, released a time-lapse video of the incident

that showed the Burri turning to port and colliding with the BW Lesmes, which was already grounding across the waterway.

Built in 2018, the Burri is 250 meters (820 feet) long and 44 meters (144 feet) wide. The BW Lesmes was built three years later and is 295 meters (968 feet) long and 46.43 meters (152 feet) wide, according to MarineTraffic.

Canal authorities said they managed to refloat and tow away the BW Lesmes. They also removed the Burri from the waterway. The authority posted images showing the Lesmes anchored in the canal, while others showed the Burri being towed away.

"All crew members are safe and accounted for and there were no injuries or any reports of pollution," BW LNG AS, the operators of the BW Lesmes, said in a statement.

Rabei said initial inspections showed there was no significant damage to the tankers, or pollution at the site. □

## Kosovo inaugurates 'Wall of Honor' statue for 23 Albanians who rescued Jews during the Holocaust



A view of a statue honoring 23 Kosovo Albanians who rescued Jews from the Holocaust during World War II, after an inauguration, in the capital, Pristina, Wednesday, Aug. 23, 2023.

**Associated Press**

By **SYLEJMAN KLOKOQI** and **LLAZAR SEMINI**

**Associated Press**

**PRISTINA, Kosovo (AP)** — A statue bearing the names of 23 Kosovo Albanians who rescued Jews from the Holocaust during World War II was inaugurated Wednesday in the capital, Pristina.

The "Wall of Honor" statue

was placed in a park in Pristina in the presence of some of the rescuers' descendants, political leaders, and the U.S. and German ambassadors.

Some 500 Jews lived in Kosovo, then part of former Yugoslavia, at the beginning of the war. Many were arrested, deported to nearby prisons or Nazi-

managed camps and almost half of them died.

Local Albanians helped scores of Jews to escape, usually taking them to neighboring Albania.

Leke Rezniki's great-grandfather Arslan rescued Jewish physician Chaim Abrabanel, who was working in Skopje, now in North Macedonia. Arslan Rezniki sheltered him and worked with another Albanian, Arif Alicaj, to prepare false documents and take Abrabanel safely to Albania.

"That shows only the example of the uniqueness of Albanian rescue," Leke Rezniki told The Associated Press. "He promised with the highest level of promise, the concept of the besa ('trust' in Albanian), that means that you never betray that promise, even though you would have to sacrifice your own family."

In 2008 Arslan Rezniki was the first Kosovar to be included in the "Righteous Among the Nations" list from Yad Vashem for rescuing Jews from the Holocaust.

Since 2021, Leke Rezniki has lived in Haifa, Israel. Abrabanel's niece Rachel-Shelly Levy-Drummer helped him to emigrate and gain Israeli citizenship.

Nowadays, 56 Jews live in the western Kosovar town of Prizren.

The statue showed that "the remembrance of those who risked their lives to save their fellow human beings is a tradition that commemorates a rare, bright light in one of the darkest periods of human history," according to Kosovar Prime Minister Albin Kurti.

Avner Shalev, former head of the Yad Vashem Ho-

locaust Memorial, considered Albanians as "a unique case in the history of the Second World War." In every other European state, the Jews were fewer in number after the war or totally wiped out, he said. The only exception was "in the territories that Albanians used to live: there were more Jews after the war than in the beginning of the war," he said, adding that should be told to generations.

Kosovo and Israel decided to establish diplomatic ties at a Kosovo-Serbia summit held at the White House in September 2020 by then-U.S. President Donald Trump.

Kosovo was the first European country, and the first country with a Muslim majority, to establish its embassy in Jerusalem, following the U.S. and Guatemala. □





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## Did you know about...?

# The history and meaning of the Aruban florin

(Oranjestad)—Aruba Today is proud to officially introduce a new segment called **Did you know about...?**, where we dive into some (historical) facts of Aruba, its culture and way of living. In this first edition, we look back at the Aruban florin: its history, design and symbolism.

In Aruba, we know the 5, 10, 25 and 50 cent coins, along with the 1 and 5 Florin coin. Aruban Florin bills include the 10, 25, 50, 100, and rarely, the 200 bills. In Papiamentu we call our currency Florin, but the umbrella term for money is placa. Cents are called cen (pronounced: seng), both in the singular and plural form. Most coins are circular and their size depend on their worth. However, the 50 cent coin is easily recognizable by their square shape, as is the 5 Florin coin by their golden color. Every coin has the Aruban emblem carved on it, with the other side displaying the worth of the coin. The bigger 1 and 5 florin coins, however, contain the carving of the emblem on one side, while displaying the side profile of the Dutch king, Willem-Alexander, on the other side. When his mother, Princess Beatrix, was reigning queen, it was her profile that was carved on the two coins.

### Outdated Aruban coins and their

### names

In the past, Aruban coins had distinctive names and also varied in worth. For example, a 5-cent coin was once called Dos placa; 10-cent coins were called debchi; 25-cent coins were called diez placa and the 50-cent coin was once called Yotin (pronounced: jo-teen). We also used a distinctive coins worth 2 ½ cents, called placa too. However, this last coin is no longer in use and has become a relic of Aruban money. Back then, the 5-Florin coin used to also be square, but now it is circular.

### Aruban bills: their design and symbolism

The Aruban Florin collection contains a variation of colorful bills, displaying incredibly detailed and beautiful designs that tell the story of Aruba on a single piece of paper.

Prior to 2019, the Aruban Florin bills were relatively simpler in design compared to now, but still included beautiful designs and colors, often depicting local animals. These past designs were made by the Aruban artist Everino Fingal in 1990 up to 2019. Between 1990 and 1993, the 5 Florin coin was a bill. The Fingal designs also included a 500-Florin bill, which has now been



discontinued.

In 2019, the Central Bank of Aruba commissioned a new design of the Aruba Florin bills, this time selecting artist and former art teacher, Nigel Matthew, to present his new design. Matthew kept the tradition of including local animals and the familiar colors on the bills. However, he included additional designs that represent the Aruban culture and link to the Indigenous inhabitants that were the first to set foot on the island.

### Current design and symbolism

#### 10 florin

On the 10-florin bill, you can see a Turtuga blanco (white turtle). The blue color symbolizes the blue Caribbean Sea. You can also see the ruins of the Bushiribana Gold Mill Ruins, a coral motif, and the symbols of Cas Floria (traditional Aruban house design) with a piece of mosaic.

#### 25 florin

On this orange bill, you can see an Aruban medicinal plant called Shoshoro. The birds Trupiaal, Shoco, rock drawings, and the symbols of Cas Floria with a piece of mosaic are also depicted. There is also a Purun di ceramica (clay pot), in reference to the relics left behind by our indigenous ancestors.

#### 50 florin

On this bill, we see the Cododo (blue lizard found on the ABC islands), Cangreu di tera (land crab), Willem III Tower, and again the symbols of Cas Floria with a piece of mosaic, as well as a beach plant called Banana di rif. The colors are pink/purple.

#### 100 florin

This bill is green in color, representing nature. Here we see the Yuwana (Iguana), Aloe, Toteki (lizard), the symbols of Cas Floria with a piece of mosaic, and a dance group performing the Baile di cinta (folkloric dance with silk ribbons).

#### 200 florin

There is another bill with a value of 200 dollars. The brown color symbolizes the earth of Aruba. Here we see the Dornasol and the Warawara—both local birds, along with the symbols of Cas Floria with a piece of mosaic, the Tuna cactus plant, and the Caha di orgel (folkloric instrument, used for many traditional songs).

### Extra fact:

the word "florin" supposedly is named after the Italian city of Florence or it's a reference to the Italian word "florino", both explanations related to historical Italian currencies.

Source: Placa, placa, placa by the National Library of Aruba







## Rhythms Circus Company Aruba: putting Aruba's name on the world stage



**Rhythms Circus Company Aruba is a talented group of young people working daily to present their art in the form of acrobatics, dancing, acting and singing. After an impactful participation in one of America's biggest talent shows, they are now bringing their amazing talent to Aruba!**

In a show full of light, music, and with performances to famous musical figures like Elvis Presley, Michael Jackson and Tina Turner, the group consisting of 15 people from various countries delights the audience with their artistic prowess at the Paseo Herencia Mall, every Wednesday and Friday starting at 7pm. Each day has a different show, so you can attend both nights for the complete experience!

The group, under the leadership of directors and creators Diego Jaramillo and Yamila Hernandez are opening the doors to the ballroom to our local audience as well as our visi-

tors so that everyone can have the privilege of experiencing this wonderful show.

Hernandez explained that the idea for this project started in 2010 when she came to work in Aruba. After being on the island for a while she decided to stay and live here, and she met Diego Jaramillo, who is currently her partner. Together they came with the idea to establish a company together with other professional artists, with the goal of living from their art.

Hernandez says that the work is hard – all of the performers are professional artists, and while the production of the show is not a challenge for them, selling the idea proved difficult since at the time, there weren't any shows of its kind on the island.

### America's Got Talent

Currently they are offering a show with music, choreography and at the end, they have a shocking acrobatics ending, one that was seen by thousands of people around the world when the group travelled to Los Angeles in the United States to represent Aruba in America's Got Talent. Hernandez said that the show was very important for them to meet the public present because people could experience this performance live and right before their eyes.

Their presentation in America's Got Talent "was incredible" and they were able to meet the jury and many other artists staying there for three months. But the exhaustion and physical toll was so great that Diego suffered an accident, and because of this, they had to cancel all future commitments.



### Reservations and tickets

To make a reservation to see this incredible display of creativity and acrobatics, scan the QR code which will take you directly to their website for a booking. To find more information about RCCA, please visit their Instagram page @rccaruba. □



## The Aruba Tourism Authority honor loyal visitors on the island



Recently, Ms. Marouska Heyliger had the great pleasure to honor a Loyal and friendly visitors of Aruba as Distinguished Visitors and Goodwill Ambassadors at their home away from home.

### The honorees:

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At the age of 26, Kamini relocated to Aruba where she started working at a fast food chain. Starting out as a regular employee, Kamini's hard work and love for her craft got her all the way

up to the position of manager.

After leaving her job at the fast food chain, she opened a breakfast and lunch snackette that was open 6 days every week for about 10 months. Eventually, Kamini got to the current location and this is how today we have one of the restaurants that bring our visitors true Aruban cuisine, Kamini's Kitchen.

Once you're on the island, dare to try something different. The best part about it is that you have to look no further than at

Kamini's Kitchen. One of the most special aspects of Kamini's Kitchen is the combination of Kamini's Trinidadian roots and the local flavor you must try as a visitor to the island. By doing this, you can enjoy her traditions through the food you're being served. This restaurant gives you a wide variety of dishes to choose from that are bound to make a lasting impression on you and you'll be sure to return for more. So much so, that in order to motivate you to try something new, they will offer you a sample of their signature dish to get you started.

All the food made at Kamini's Kitchen is freshly made and to order. You get the best quality of food along with an open concept that creates a wonderful ambiance that is loved by all who visit. The natural air that can be felt in every corner of the restaurant makes it a fresh and accommodating place to be in, especially because it calms many who may still carry post-pandemic worries.

The main dish Kamini's Kitchen recommends is the Roti with Curry. Curry is usually Indian and often comes in a prepackaged way. However Kamini's Kitchen takes pride in their curry made in-house, which is usually not spicy unless you want it to be. And the best part? In the case that you do want it spicy, Kamini's has their own homemade hot sauce and one drop is more than enough!

Another dish that Kamini's Kitchen highly recommends is the Whole Red Snapper in curry or 'Crioyo' sauce with aros moro. This is one of Kamini's best sellers



with their fishes being from open water.

At Kamini's Kitchen every customer is just as important; therefore the menu is dietary restrictions friendly. They will cater to your needs as long as it's within their reach and are willing to adjust their menu to your desires, so much so that vegetarians may even order off menu.

The newest member of the family is the Doubles. This is a snack platter that has tortillas with layers of Jhana paste and tamarind chutney. This makes for a perfect snack to prepare the stomach before heading to the beach, given Kamini's Kitchen's perfect location. And once you're heading back home after the beach, head back to Kamini's for a wonderful dinner sure to exceed your expectations.

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## Episode 39: A scientific journey across the island- Part II

**ORANJESTAD —** Arriving at Saint Nicolaas, Prof. Martin continues to this town situated on the bay with the same name. This is the port of the phosphate mines of Colorado, consisting only of a few buildings belonging to the mine company. Its harbor has been improved by the management of the mines and connected by a railroad with Cero Colorado. "Incredible all what has been dug up. An enormous mass of phosphate lies piled up, mainly fer-riferous and for this reason not yet exported, the government dues for this grade being too high for it to be sold with profit. The chief manager, whom we met here, cordially welcomed us, and in his company we rode to his house at the foot of Colorado, where we spent the night and half of the next morning."

"On the morrow, January 30, I viewed the rich phosphate mines of Cero Colorado. We also visited the east-side of the mountain, where already in the previous century a German mining expert wielded the axe in order to examine the quartz found in the rock here for its gold-content. However rich a harvest suchlike galleries may have yielded afterwards on this island; his toil did not find its reward, so that he had to abandon his ill-starred project. The abandoned mine made by him has now been flooded by sea-water and soon the waves



will have succeeded in effacing the last traces of human labor by burying the shaft in their laps and putting the stamp of inviolate loneliness so typical of the entire region upon this mine too; for lonely these rocks are".

**After a description of the landscape Professor Martin tells about his journey to Fontein.**

"We turned off in the direction of

Fontein, but because it is impossible to traverse the low limestone plateau stretching jaggedly between Fontein and Colorado, there was no alternative but to take the road along the north coast of the island. Sand, blinding sand, that is the plain between the plateau and the coast, with here and there some shrubs of so-called grapes, a serious obstacle to the progress of our heavily loaded animals. The boys with the pack-donkeys were soon lagging behind, which forced me to load the stones I was collecting on to my own donkey, a procedure attended with many difficulties. At first I was aided by the pistol-holders of the Spanish saddle, whose faded stitching bore witness to its having seen better days; but these were soon full, and so I crammed my treasures anyhow into the pockets of my clothes. This greatly troubled my long-ears, as the stones were bumping against his body at every step, so that we were finally obliged to give up our attempt to ride on in advance, and waited for the pack-animals to come up, however much we disliked doing so in the scorching afternoon heat, which was occasionally alleviated when the trade wind wafted some coolness toward us.

"At half past five we arrived at Fontein, just in time to write up our

diaries before going to rest and to bestow the stones safely, as it is better, considering the extremely primitive conditions of life here, to do by daylight than when darkness has set in. At Fontein in particular this proved to be the best thing, for only here did we fully perceive how little prepared we were for anything in the nature of a journey of some days on Aruba. This realization came upon us unawares; neither on Curacao nor during our short stay at Oranjestad had we gained an insight into the true poverty of the island. Thanks to the good care of Evertsz of Colorado, who had given our guide some additional provisions along on his way, we at least had something to eat. One half of a pewter spoon of which the front half, the one normally used to scoop up the food, was lacking, our clasp-knives, a small bowl and an old water-jug, such was our table-ware...

### **This story will continue.**

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## Did you know about... The food culture in Aruba

**(Oranjestad) - Like many other cultures, an important aspect of the Aruban cultural identity is our connection to food and food traditions. The local food traditions consist of a melting pot of different cultural and religious eating habits and dishes.**

### Breakfast, lunch and dinner

The routine of breakfast, lunch and dinner on the island is one that does not completely follow a European or American routine, despite the major influences from these parts of the world on our culture and way of living. When it comes to the three important meals of the day, most of the Aruban population follows a Latin-American influenced routine.

### Breakfast

Breakfast in Aruba is quite simple: a cup of coffee or tea, some bread, and sometimes an egg. Sometimes, due to the need of a quick "to-go" breakfast, you may also find many snack trucks and cafes that sell sandwiches, pastechis (meat pie), arepas and empanadas early in the morning.

### Main Meal

The main meal is typically eaten in most households around noon or in the afternoon. This can consist of meat, fish, and chicken—stewed or fried—with funchi (polenta) or rice with stewed vegetables. Often, fried or boiled plantain or pan bati (Aruban pancake) is included. Stews are a staple in Aruban cuisine and can be largely influenced by Latin-American and Latin/Afro-Caribbean Stews. Some of the more unique stews and soups from the ABC Islands\* include sopi di bonchi cora (red kidney bean soup with pig tail), sopi mondongo (tripe soup), carni stoba (beef stew), comcomber stoba (West Indian

gherkin stew) and much more.

### Dinner Time

Dinner time can vary significantly from household to household. Unlike the U.S. or in Europe, dinner time typically does not consist of a whole (warm) meal. Instead, the evening "meal" can typically consist of something lighter, like a sandwich, though it is not uncommon to see leftovers from the main meal reheated and eaten again. Tea and coffee are often also served with the evening snack.

### (Religious) Holidays

Christmas is probably the biggest global holiday, and every culture has its own spin on what their Christmas cuisine entails. In Aruba, our Christmas cuisine is again largely based on Latin-American influences, most notably from Venezuela. Ayacas and the famous pan di ham\* are two crucial holiday dishes, along with stuffed turkey, roasted glazed ham topped with pineapples, arroz con pollo (rice and chicken) and potato salad, among other items. Traditional drinks include ponche crema (Aruban eggnog), chuculati pinda (hot chocolate with peanut butter), and homemade fruit punch. Desserts include, bolo di pistachio (pistachio cake), bolo di cashupete (cashew cake), quesillo (flan), bolo preto (dark fruit cake), drigidek (gingerbread), pan boyo (bread cake) and more.

### Snacks and tasty delights

Besides meals and dishes that are eaten on the dinner table, Aruba also has a food tradition that includes snacks and other tasty delights that you may easily find around the island. These include, Saco\*, basket, pastechi, kroket, deditos, Johnny cake and more.



These snacks are usually sold at local snack trucks and cafes, often located on the side of the road. In the area of Tanki Leendert and Tanki flip, for example, there are many of these trucks parked on the side of the road and often open until late at night—offering tasty and filling snacks post night-life fun.

Venezuelan Pan de Jamon (rolled up bread with ham, raisins and olives)

\*Saco: Saco literally means "bag". Saco contains fried potatoes, plantains, chicken (and ribs) and a Johnny cake, served in a paper bag.

Source: Voeding, voedingsgewoonten en gerechten op Aruba (Nutrition, Food Traditions and Dishes on Aruba) by Biblioteca Nacional Aruba

\*ABC Islands: Aruba, Bonaire and Curacao

\*Pan di ham: Derived from the





# CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

## ACROSS

- 1 Bar order
- 5 Essential
- 10 Make lots
- 11 Costa Rica neighbor
- 12 Baseball's Rodriguez
- 13 Dawn-to-dusk
- 14 Outlet for the Thames
- 16 "Unforgiven" director
- 20 Thinly scattered
- 23 Gl-entertaining grp.
- 24 Severe
- 25 Writer Levi
- 27 Crumb bearer
- 28 Kidnap cost
- 29 Connecticut town
- 32 Hyun Jin Ryu, for one
- 36 Meal
- 39 Huron neighbor
- 40 Reluctant
- 41 Style
- 42 Keyed up
- 43 Ignored the limit

## DOWN

- 1 Reach across
- 2 Ring of light
- 3 Finished
- 4 Participants in silent chats
- 5 Parking pro
- 6 Spouse's kin
- 7 Wee bit
- 8 Dr.'s org.
- 9 Put down
- 11 Out of style
- 15 Diner dish
- 17 For all of us



## Yesterday's answer

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|-----------------------|--------------------|
| 18 Norway capital     | 30 Russian rulers  |
| 19 Ruin               | 31 Rap entourage   |
| 20 "Pygmalion" writer | 33 Stage item      |
| 21 Glass section      | 34 Staff member    |
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| 26 Patriotic tunes    | 37 Garden resident |
| 28 Way to go          | 38 Corral          |



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is LONGFELLOW

One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

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Yesterday's Cryptoquote: INSIDE MY EMPTY BOTTLE I WAS CONSTRUCTING A LIGHTHOUSE WHILE ALL THE OTHERS WERE MAKING SHIPS.  
— CHARLES SIMIC

# I was surprised when some of my student loans were canceled. Yours might be, too

By JAE BRATTON  
of NerdWallet

In 2022, I left the teaching profession, convinced that the public service loan forgiveness (PSLF) I had been pursuing for the past 14 years was no longer a possibility. When I changed careers, I had nearly \$50,000 in student loan debt.

But in 2023, my loan servicer informed me that almost \$40,000 of that balance had been forgiven.

This surprising reversal happened because a limited PSLF waiver temporarily gave borrowers credit for payments toward loan forgiveness that normally wouldn't count toward PSLF and waived the requirement that borrowers must work in public service at the time of application and forgiveness.

The bad news: The waiver that helped me get loan forgiveness expired Oct. 31, 2022.

The good news, according to Abby Shafroth, director of the Student Loan Borrower Assistance Project at the National Consumer Law Center: "If you didn't already take advantage of the limited waiver ... there's still time to receive almost the same benefits," which may lead to loan cancellation for some borrowers. Here's how.

## TAKE ADVANTAGE OF RULE CHANGES

Millions of borrowers will see their payment counts toward forgiveness increase through a one-time adjustment that'll be applied to accounts in waves from July 2023 through sometime in 2024. According to the U.S. Department of



New graduates line up before the start of a community college commencement in East Rutherford, N.J., on May 17, 2018.

Associated Press

Education, the adjustment isn't tied to public service and applies to borrowers with a Direct Loan or Federal Family Education Loan (FFEL), including Parent PLUS loans, and gives credit toward PSLF or income-driven repayment (IDR) loan forgiveness for:

Any month in which a borrower was in a repayment status, regardless of whether payments were partial or late, the loan type or the repayment plan.

Any month in which loans were in an eligible repayment, deferment or forbearance status prior to consolidation.

Months while a borrower spent at least 12 consecutive or 36 cumulative months in forbearance.

Any month spent in deferment (except in-school deferment) prior to 2013.

Borrowers in the PSLF program or who have ever been enrolled in a payment plan don't need to do anything to receive the adjustment. But if you're aiming for PSLF, you may need to submit an employment certification form to ensure that months worked in public service count toward the required 120 total

payments. Borrowers who don't qualify for PSLF need 240 or 300 qualifying payments to get forgiveness, depending on the type of loans. "We recommend submitting a PSLF form every year and every time you switch jobs to make sure your payment count is updated," says Amy Czulada, outreach and advocacy manager at the Student Borrower Protection Center.

## BE PREPARED TO PUSH BACK

After submitting my PSLF application, I received periodic correspondence from Mohela, my loan servicer, with updated payment counts. By December 2022, I had 66 qualifying payments; a month later, I had 91. Finally, in May 2023, I passed the 120-payment threshold on two loans and was notified that those balances were forgiven.

But getting across the finish line required self-advocacy. When I noticed that some of my employment hadn't been approved — even though I correctly filled out my PSLF application — I called Mohela and asked a loan counselor to reevaluate my PSLF form and update payment counts accordingly. □

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## Business tycoon Carlos Ghosn is subject of new Apple TV+ series

By **MARK KENNEDY**

AP Entertainment Writer

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Carlos Ghosn, the former rock star businessman who fell from grace and fled authorities smuggled in a music instrument box, is getting what his dramatic story deserves: a multi-part documentary series.

"Wanted: The Escape of Carlos Ghosn" is the juicy real tale of how the auto executive went from attending red carpets as the head of both Nissan and Renault to fleeing to Lebanon with the help of a former Green Beret.

"The Carlos Ghosn story is unbelievable in the sense that it's a Shakespearean tragedy in which we have an archetypal tragic hero who everybody wants to root for but knows the train crash is coming," said Sean McLain, a consulting producer on the Apple TV+ series and Wall Street Journal reporter.

The four-part series, which starts Friday, takes a wider lens to Ghosn's story, tracing the childhood and rise of the auto executive which Time magazine once put ahead of Bill Gates among the 15 most influential global business executives.

Voices included are Louis Schweitzer, former CEO of Renault; Andy Palmer, former COO of Nissan; Arnaud Montebourg, former French minister of econo-



Former Nissan executive Carlos Ghosn speaks during an interview in Beirut, Lebanon on June 23, 2023.

my; Takashi Yamashita, former Japanese minister of justice; and Hiroto Saikawa, former Nissan CEO.

Most crucially, director James Jones went to Lebanon and sat down with Ghosn and his wife, Carole, on camera. Jones got the job before he'd secured access to the couple but knew he had to have them participate.

"You need to hear from the people in the room. You can't just have pundits commentating on what happened or kind of rehashing the story second-hand," Jones says. "For me, getting Carlos and Carole

Ghosn to talk frankly was a huge thing and I think that the series would have been a struggle to make without that."

Many viewers may tune in because of the brazen way Ghosn left Japan in 2019 after being accused of financial improprieties. He turned to Mike Taylor, a former Green Beret, who hid the executive in a large music instrument box with breathing holes drilled in and got him out on a private jet.

"My initial reaction was like, 'Is there enough for four parts?' I know he's an interesting guy who is a brilliant

businessman, and the escape is thrilling," said Jones. "But then when I spent the time reading up about it, it did feel rich and the kind of thing that's quite satisfying to really get your teeth into."

The Brazilian-born Ghosn took refuge in Lebanon, his ancestral homeland, which has no extradition treaty with Japan. He denied the financial improprieties charges and said Japan's justice system was unfair. "I did not escape justice. I fled injustice," he said at the time.

The series also investigates Japan's legal system,

which critics say amounts to "hostage justice," allowing suspects to be questioned for days without a lawyer present while they are kept in solitary confinement in a small, spartan cell. The conviction rate of over 99% has raised questions over forced confessions.

The case against Ghosn centers on elaborate calculations to compensate him after retirement for a pay cut he took beginning in 2009, when disclosure of big executive pay became a legal requirement in Japan.

Ghosn argues the case against him was concocted in a power struggle within Nissan's boardroom and the series does show a conspiracy by Nissan officials to get rid of Ghosn because they feared a merger with Renault.

"He was wronged and yet these allegations look very bad," said Jones.

"And by hiding out in Lebanon, he's not helping the appearance of innocence."

Ghosn may have escaped but not everyone who helped him did the same. Taylor was sentenced to two years in prison, while his son, Peter, was sentenced to one year and eight months for his part. They claim in the series that Ghosn never paid them for their work helping him escape. □

## Maxine Hong Kingston honored by Ishmael Reed's Before Columbus Foundation

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Maxine Hong Kingston, Darryl Pinckney and the late bell hooks were among the authors honored this year by the Before Columbus Foundation, a nonprofit co-founded by Ishmael Reed that celebrates multicultural literature.

Established in 1976, the Before Columbus Foundation each year presents American Book Awards to both fiction and nonfiction writers. Kingston, best known for her memoir "The

Woman Warrior," received a lifetime achievement prize. Pinckney was cited for his memoir "Come Back in September," and hooks, who died in 2021, was given a special award for criticism.

On Tuesday, the foundation also announced awards for Ayanna Lloyd Banwo's novel "When We Were Birds," Leila Mottley's "Nightcrawling: A Novel," Everett Hoagland's poetry collection "The Ways" and Bojan Louis' "Sinking Bell:

Stories."

Other winners included Edgar Gomez's memoir "High Risk Homosexual"; Aidan Levy's biography of jazz great Sonny Rollins, "Saxophone Colossus"; Kelly Lytle Hernández's nonfiction "Bad Mexicans: Race, Empire, and Revolution in the Borderlands"; and Javier Zamora's "Solito: A Memoir."

Previous recipients of American Book Awards include Gayl Jones, Ayah Akhtar and Ocean Vuong. □



Author Maxine Hong Kingston appears in the backyard of her Oakland, Calif. home on April 10, 2001.

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## Former USC star Reggie Bush plans defamation lawsuit against NCAA

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — Former Southern California running back Reggie Bush plans to file a defamation lawsuit against the NCAA over a statement made by college sports' governing body about the reasoning for its decision not to restore the Heisman Trophy winner's records.

Bush and his attorneys at McCathern PLLC announced the lawsuit Wednesday in the rented President's Suite atop the Coliseum, the Trojans' home for the past 100 years. The Peristyle end of the venerable stadium features large banners honoring all of USC's eight Heisman winners except current quarterback Caleb Williams and Bush, who is hoping to clear up his current murky status in college football history. Bush is filing the suit as part of his quest to reclaim the Heisman he voluntarily returned in 2010 after the school was hit with heavy NCAA sanctions related to improper financial benefits he received during his playing career.

"I've got dreams of coming back in this stadium and running out of that tunnel with the football team," Bush said. "I've got dreams of walking back in here and seeing my jersey and my banner right down there next to the rest of the Heisman Trophy winners. But I can't rightfully do that without my Heisman Trophy." Bush is suing over a statement issued in July 2021 describing the star's playing career at USC as a "pay-for-play" arrangement. The NCAA used the phrase while detailing why it wouldn't restore the records of Bush's playing career, which the Heisman Trust has cited as the next step in returning Bush's trophy. "The NCAA's statement is completely false and highly offensive," a statement from Bush's lawyers read. "The NCAA knew Mr. Bush was never even accused of, involved in, much less sanctioned for any 'pay-for-play arrangement' which never occurred." The NCAA didn't immediately respond to Bush's law-

suit.

"Pay-for-play" typically refers to a different type of improper benefit arrangement than the one which the NCAA cited in leveling USC's sanctions. The NCAA claimed Bush accepted extra benefits from people not affiliated with USC who hoped to cash in on Bush's professional career as agents or sports marketers. Bush played 11 seasons with five NFL teams after New Orleans chose him with the second overall pick in 2006.

"Not only is it not true, but there is no evidence to even support that claim," Bush said. "It wasn't even part of the initial NCAA investigation, so this is a new accusation as far as I'm concerned. That's what this lawsuit is about. It's about truth, getting the facts out and holding the NCAA accountable, which I think is maybe the first time in my memory that this has happened, someone holding them accountable for their actions and what they've done in regards to me and



Former USC football player Reggie Bush, left, listens as his attorney Ben Crump speaks at a news conference announcing a defamation lawsuit against the NCAA at the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum, Wednesday, Aug. 23, 2023, in Los Angeles.

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other players as well."

Two years ago, after NCAA athletes were given the right to profit off their name, image and likeness rights, the Heisman Trust issued a statement saying it would look "forward to welcoming (Bush) back to the Heisman family" if the NCAA formally restored its recognition of Bush's accomplishments. The NCAA subsequently issued the statement that sparked Bush's lawsuit. The NCAA's sanctions

against USC included a two-year bowl ban, 14 vacated victories and severe scholarship restrictions. Bush also was required to "disassociate" from USC for 10 years.

That ban ended in 2020, and USC has already welcomed back one of the greatest running backs in school history. Bush wants to take the next step in restoring the luster to one of the greatest careers in college football history. □

## Ingebrigtsen goes down in another upset, while Warholm hurdles to gold

By EDDIE PELLIS

AP National Writer

**BUDAPEST, Hungary (AP)** — Britain's Josh Kerr pulled off the biggest upset at track and field's world championships Wednesday, out-running heavily favored Jakob Ingebrigtsen of Norway to the line for a win in the 1,500 meters.

Kerr finished in 3 minutes, 29.28 seconds to join Jake Wightman as the second British runner in two years to upset Ingebrigtsen at worlds.

A few minutes later, another Norwegian avoided the same fate. Olympic champion and world-record



Josh Kerr, of Great Britain crosses the line to win the gold medal in the Men's 1500-meters final during the World Athletics Championships in Budapest, Hungary, Wednesday, Aug. 23, 2023.

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holder Karsten Warholm ran away from a stacked 400-meter hurdle field to

climb back on top in that race after injuries derailed him last year. Moments af-

ter his win, he was posing with his country's flag and wearing his Viking horns.

Warholm crossed in 46.89 seconds, a full three paces and .45 seconds ahead of surprise silver medalist Kyron McMaster of the British Virgin Islands. American Rai Benjamin finished third and defending champion Alison dos Santos of Brazil clipped the eighth and 10th hurdles and finished fifth.

The women's 400 meters was a runaway for Marileidy Paulino of the Dominican Republic, who won in 48.76. She beat Natalia Kaczmarek, who finished

in 49.57 to become the first man or woman from Poland to take a world medal in the 400.

Women's pole vault yielded two gold medals, as defending champion Katie Moon of the U.S. and Nina Kennedy of Australia missed all three tries at 4.95 meters (16 feet, 2 3/4 inches), then agreed to share first instead of jumping in a tiebreaker for the title.

It was the same decision Mutaz Barshim (Qatar) and Gianmarco Tamberi (Italy) made at the Olympics two years ago. Tamberi won his own gold Tuesday night in Budapest. □



# Scottie Scheffler chases a \$18 million FedEx Cup bonus

By **DOUG FERGUSON**

AP Golf Writer

**ATLANTA (AP)** — Scottie Scheffler already has one small piece of history at the Tour Championship, the only player to be the No. 1 seed going into the FedEx Cup finale in consecutive years.

He also is reminded, by history and experience, that finishing it off at East Lake to capture the silver cup and its \$18 million bonus is no small feat.

The history came from last year. He not only began with a two-shot lead, Scheffler expanded the margin to six shots until he threw it all away on the front nine and wound up finishing one shot behind Rory McIlroy.

"I definitely wanted to end



Scottie Scheffler reacts to missing a birdie putt on the ninth hole during the final round of the BMW Championship golf tournament, Sunday, Aug. 20, 2023, in Olympia Fields, Ill.

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the season on a better note than I did last year, for sure," Scheffler said Wednesday before another light day of practice due to tempera-

tures in the upper 90s Fahrenheit (mid- to upper 30s Celsius).

Historically, only five times in 16 years of the FedEx Cup

has the No. 1 seed at East Lake gone on to win the FedEx Cup, and only twice in the last four years — Dustin Johnson in 2020 and Patrick Cantlay in 2021 — since the Tour Championship went to a staggered start.

Scheffler starts at 10-under par as the No. 1 seed, two shots clear of BMW Championship winner Viktor Hovland, three ahead of McIlroy and four ahead of Jon Rahm. The rest of the top 30 who reached the FedEx Cup finale are grouped at various stages all the way down to the last five players who start at even par.

Is it the best system? The only agreement from players is they can't think of anything better. The last thing the PGA Tour wanted — and golf fans needed —

was keeping track of points and other forms of math to figure out who was going to win.

"There's a lot of people that have different opinions on what it should be," said McIlroy, the only three-time winner of the FedEx Cup. His only conclusion was it gives the best chance to the player who has played the best golf all year, followed by the two postseason events. Scheffler has produced one of the most consistent years since the height of Tiger Woods — no missed cuts, a top-10 finish in 16 of his 22 tournaments, two victories.

Most players would take Rahm's year — the Masters as part of his tour-leading four victories, though none since April. The Spaniard began the postseason as the No. 1 seed but then finished in the middle of the pack at the two FedEx Cup playoff events and dropped to No. 4.

That effectively cost him four shots going into the Tour Championship, and Rahm knows from experience what that means. Two years ago, he started four shots behind Cantlay, had a raw score that was three shots better and wound up one behind.

"I don't think it's the best, but it is the easiest to understand," Rahm said of the format that dates to 2019. "So if you ask me, I think we can come up with something better."

There's potentially another competition brewing between Scheffler and Rahm, one that could illustrate how PGA Tour players feel about the FedEx Cup.

Ballots will go out next week for PGA Tour player of the year. Rahm would seem to have that locked up with the most wins and a major.

But if Scheffler wins the FedEx Cup, that gives him three victories — one of them The Players Championship, the next best thing to a major — along with the Vardon Trophy for lowest scoring average and a record \$21 million in earnings, some \$4.5 million ahead of Rahm. □



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